

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES



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Testimony of the Department of Motor Vehicles Acting Commissioner Dennis Murphy

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HB 5461 - An Act Concerning the Certificate of Title for Older Model Motor Vehicles.

Good morning Chairmen Guerrera and Maynard, Ranking Members Boucher and O'Dea and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill 5461.

Bill 5461 would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue titles for vehicles over twenty model years old. Upon request of the customer, DMV currently does issue a title for these vehicles. Applicants must provide the department with an application for a title and along with that application include a photographs of the motor vehicle, have the vehicle's identification number (VIN) verified, evidence the sales tax on the vehicle was paid and a sworn statement attesting to the fact that the vehicle is not a reproduction and conforms with the original manufacturer's specifications.

A surety bond is required in accordance with the provisions of Section 14-176 of the Connecticut General Statutes if a valid out-of-state title cannot be presented. In cases where a Connecticut title exists and the vehicle is being transferred, the new owner shall present the title or post a surety bond.

The process as outlined, has worked well for the Department as well as customers since adopted in 2002. The Department of Motor Vehicles respectfully requests that no changes be made at this time.